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STORY

Aria spent her days doing whatever she wanted. She went to school when she felt like it, hung out with her friends all night, and her only worry was getting out of helping her aunt run the cafe. All this changes when she meets Sakura, who's been possessed by a demon - and he says she's the only one who can save him! Sakura says he found her in hopes that she can calm the demon inside him, before he kills someone. If he does that, he says, something terrible will happen. Though she doesn't understand the whole story, she decides to stay by Sakura's side and try to help him. Following them are some mysterious men who also say they want to "help" Sakura... even if they have to kill him to do it! Even though Sakura is shot during the confrontation, his demonic powers give him the ability to heal quickly. Aria still doesn't know exactly what's going on, but she's determined to get the whole truth out of Sakura... but before she can force it out of him, he is stabbed by a strange woman who seemed to have been driven mad by his very existence. Even faster than Aria can do something, the demon within Sakura surges forth, viciously attacking the woman. Has Sakura killed his first human...?

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CHAPTER 5

■Aria Yamaguchi■

The main character from my last series was named "Canon." This time it's "Aria," so I get asked a lot by my readers if the names were chosen from music terminology. I never meant for it to turn out that way...but I guess that's how it ended up. ^ But just to live up to everyones expectations. I'll be sure to name my next main character "Deremi-chan"! Or how about "Piano-chan"? (What sort of kanji would I use to spell them out. I wonder?)

WHEEZE
WHEEZE
Sa kura
A BIG ANIMAL..
GULP
THESE WOUNDS ...
IT'S LIKE AN ANIMAL ATTACKED HER.
NEVER MIND! JUST GET HER TO A HOSPITAL!
IF WE HURRY, WE CAN STILL SAVE HER!
MURMER
AND WHAT CAN YOU SAY ABOUT THE MAN THIS WOMAN ALLEGEDLY STABBED?
WE DON'T KNOW
WE...
MURMER
ALL I REMEMBER IS SOME THING BIG AND BLACK SUDDENLY LEAPT AT HER.
THAT'S WHEN I RAN AWAY.
YEAH, SOME THING IT MOVED SO FAST!

SIGH
PHEW, THAT'S A RELIEF
SAKURA, DID YOU HEAR THAT?
THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAVE HER

SLAP!
C'MON! SNAP OUT OF IT!
DON'T GET TOO WORKED UP OVER THIS, OKAY?
WHAT'S WITH THE LONG FACE?
RE-MEMBER, IT WAS THE DEMON WHO ATTACKED HER. IT WASN'T YOU!
YOU DIDN'T... ...DO ANYTHING WRONG!
SHE WAS ASKING FOR IT. WELL, SORT OF I MEAN, NOT --
PAT PAT
AND BESIDES, SHE STABBED YOU!
I'M ALMOST COM-PLETELY RECOV-ERED NOW
GRIN
O-OH MY GOD, I'M SO SORRY! YOU'RE HURT!
GASP
EEK!
IT'S ALL RIGHT.

YOU AND WAITING HERE FOR A SEC?
SHIRO'S SUPPOSED TO BE COMING AROUND WITH THE CAR...
SURE THING
DON'T GO ANY WHERE!
.....
DASH
I CAN'T STAND THIS!
I COULDN'T HELP HIM!
EVEN THOUGH I WAS RIGHT THERE...
...I COULDN'T DO ANY-THING!

YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!
ARIA...
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
...IT WAS MY FAULT!
EVEN SO...
THROB
URGH!
THROB
THROB
SLIP
URGH ...

HAA
THUMP
!
SAKURA ?
SAKURA, SHIRO SAYS HE'S ON HIS WA--
HAA
THUMP
THUMP
SHIRK
SAKURA!

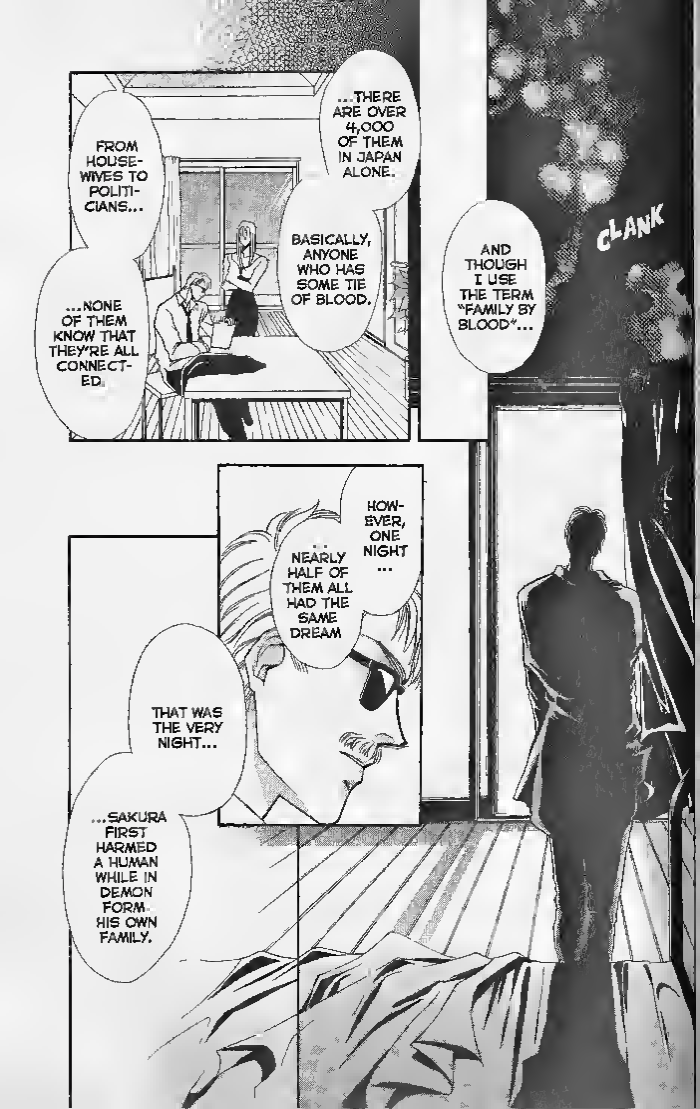
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE FINE! YOU'RE REALLY PALE!
HUH ?
JUST NOW, I
...I FELT MYSELF FADING AWAY...
IT MUST'VE BEEN MY IMAGINATION.
BUT FOR A SECOND THERE..
DON'T PULL THAT WITH ME! LOOK HOW MUCH BLOOD YOU'VE LOST!
NO, NEVER MIND.

ARIA, WHERE'S SAKURA?
I STUFFED HIM INTO BED.
HOW COULD HE SAY HE WAS ALL RIGHT? HIS WOUND WAS SO DEEP!
At least the bleeding stopped.
HE MUST BE IN SO MUCH PAIN RIGHT NOW.
WHY WAS HE STABBED IN THE FIRST PLACE?
HEY SHIRO?
EXCUSE ME?
I WANT YOU TO TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW THIS TIME.
I SWEAR I WON'T BE SCARED OF ANYTHING YOU SAY.
GO ASK SAKURA!
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUSY?
FWAP
FWAP
SHIRO.
CHILL
YOU THINK I'M JUST GOING TO GIVE UP ASKING AFTER WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?
I'M NOT THAT KIND OF GIRL.
GLINT

EEEEE!!
I CAN TELL BY THE LOOK IN HER EYES, SHE'S SERIOUS.
DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT AGAIN.
I'M NOT ABOUT TO WAIT UNTIL ANOTHER THING LIKE TODAY HAPPENS!
TELL ME, OR I'LL SLICE THAT MUSTACHE CLEAN OFF!
Watch where you swing that thing!
W-WAIT A SEC! WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING WITH THAT RAZOR!?
AAAUGH!
TUMBLE
...SAKURA IN PAIN LIKE THAT AGAIN.
I NEVER WANT TO SEE...
I'M ASKING BECAUSE I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT
...YOU'LL ONLY BE MAKING THINGS HARDER FOR YOURSELF?
EVEN IF BY ASKING...

FINE, THEN.
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF NERVE, PRESSURING AN ADULT
SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU'RE GONNA BE ONE DEVIOUS WOMAN WHEN YOU GROW UP
Sheesh!
Well
THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT...
THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO KILL SAKURA...
...ARE ALL...
...HIS FAMILY BY BLOOD.
ERGH ...
THROB
THROB
THROB
C'MON, KEEP QUIET!
PLEASE!
!

AND THAT BRIGHT...
...BEAUTIFUL COLOR...
THUMP
THUMP
.....
THUMP
THUMP
ERGH ...
IT'S THE STENCH...
EVERY TIME I CLOSE MY EYES, I SEE THE BODIES.
I SMELL THEM.
...OF ALL THAT BLOOD.
IT CHOKES ME...THIS SMELL.
THUMP


CLANK
AND THOUGH I USE THE TERM "FAMILY BY BLOOD"...
...THERE ARE OVER 4,000 OF THEM IN JAPAN ALONE.
BASICALLY, ANYONE WHO HAS SOME TIE OF BLOOD.
FROM HOUSE-WIVES TO POLITI-CIANS...
...NONE OF THEM KNOW THAT THEY'RE ALL CONNECT-ED.
HOW-EVER, ONE NIGHT ...
NEARLY HALF OF THEM ALL HAD THE SAME DREAM
THAT WAS THE VERY NIGHT...
...SAKURA FIRST HARMED A HUMAN WHILE IN DEMON FORM. HIS OWN FAMILY.

A VIVID DREAM WHERE SAKURA'S BLOOD RELATIVES WERE ALL MURDERED...
...IN A VIOLENT AND TWISTED WAY.
MOST OF THOSE WHO SAW THE DREAM WENT INSANE.
THEY SEEK HIM OUT TO KILL HIM, BEFORE HE KILLS US.
AND NOT JUST US, BUT OUR CHILDREN AND GRAND-CHILDREN.
BUT IT WAS JUST A DREAM, RIGHT?
NO.

I SAW IT, TOO. AND IT WAS NO MERE DREAM
IT WAS FEAR ITSELF. IT DROVE THE WEAK MAD...
...AND EVEN STRONG MINDS RECOILED FROM SUCH HORROR.
IT'S LIKE A CURSE.
A CURSE ON ALL THOSE DESCENDED FROM A COMMON ANCESTOR.
THE VICTIMS CRIED OUT "WE MUST FIGHT... OR DIE".
IT SEEMS THE CONFLICT FROM 400 YEARS AGO...
...IS NOT YET OVER.
400 YEARS AGO?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

400 YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A GREAT DEMON...
...A RUTHLESS 200 YEAR OLD MONSTER
ONE OF OUR ANCESTORS SLEW HIM
THE DEMON THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED
... NOW RESIDES INSIDE OF SAKURA.
EVEN THOUGH HIS PHYSICAL BODY ROTTED AWAY...
...HIS FIERCE HATRED PERSEVERED AND POSSESSED THE ONE WHO SLEW HIM.
HE HAS BEEN LAYING DORMANT WITHIN OUR ANCESTORS FOR 400 YEARS, SAVING UP HIS POWER.
NOW HE IS TRYING TO RESURRECT HIMSELF ONCE AGAIN... FROM WITHIN SAKURA.
WOOOO

HE HAS ONLY ONE GOAL—TO KILL EVERY LAST PERSON..
.. TIED TO THE ONE WHO FIRST KILLED HIM.
...4,000 PEOPLE?
HE MEANS TO KILL...
SOUNDS LIKE A BAD HORROR NOVEL TO ME.

WELL, THE ONLY HELP WE HAVE SO FAR IS...
...THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE BLOOD LINE HAVE DEVELOPED SPECIAL POWERS.
MUCH LIKE YOURSELF, ARIA.
HUH?
SEEING THE DREAM VARIES FROM PERSON TO PERSON, BUT.
...I'M SURE YOU SENSED SOMETHING.
...AFTER MEETING SAKURA, RIGHT?
BECAUSE YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE 4,000 PEOPLE.
IT'S THAT SAME INCREDIBLE ANXIETY.
THAT I FELT AT THE BEGINNING
I AM YOUR DISTANT/DISTANT BLOOD RELATIVE.
THAT'S RIGHT! HE DID SAY THAT WHEN WE FIRST MET!

SO THAT'S...
...WHAT IT MEANS.
THAT THING INSIDE SAKURA IS STILL SLEEPING, BUT IF IT EVER FULLY AWAKENS...
...AND WE CAN'T STOP IT...
...THAT DREAM WILL BECOME A REALITY.
IT'S JUST AS SAKURA SAID.
AFTER HE KILLS THE FIRST PERSON...

THE FIRST PERSON
YOU'RE WHAT I'D CALL OUR LAST BASTION OF HOPE.
THE LIVES OF THOSE 4,000 PEOPLE ARE IN YOUR HANDS.
THAT'S WHY SAKURA DIDN'T WANT ME TO SAY ANYTHING.
SAKURA...
...IS AFRAID FOR ME?
IF YOU KNEW THE WHOLE STORY...
HELL, IF ANYONE KNEW IT...
...THEY'D PROBABLY BE SO TERRIFIED...
...THEY'D RUN AWAY AND NOT LOOK BACK.

FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
THE CITY?
WHAT AM I DOING OUT HERE?
CAW
CAW
WHAT?
THUMP

GROAN.
AUGH ...
AAH ...
HAVE YOU REALLY ...
...GOTTEN THAT IMPATIENT?
IT'S TOO SOON.
CLENCH
QUIVER
DAMN IT...
DAMN IT ALL TO HELL!

SAKURA!
HE'S NOT HERE! HOW DID HE--
HE COULDN'T HAVE GONE FAR WITH HIS INJURIES!

ARIA, YOU MUST FIND SAK--
!
CREAK
THAT'S RIGHT, ARIA...
RUN
Woo
SAKURA !
SAKURA !?

IT CAN'T BE ..
NO...
WHERE ON EARTH COULD HE BE?
THE FIRST PERSON
WHOOOSH
HOOOMK
WEEEOOOO
WEEEOOOO
SAKURA!
ZOOM
KUD
EEK!

IT'S DANGEROUS FOR A PRETTY GIRL LIKE YOURSELF TO BE OUT SO LATE
SEE WHAT COULD HAPPEN?
SA—
!
I LOOKED ALL OVER THE PLACE!
WHERE THE HELL WERE YOU!?
LET GO OF ME!
S-SAKURA!?
WHAT ARE YOU--
SQUEEZE
!
.....
THIS ISN'T LIKE HIM.

WHEN I CAME TO...
...I WAS OUTSIDE.
WOOSH
AND THEN...
BLOOD...?
WHERE---
WHERE WERE YOU!?
I'M NOT SURE WHY, BUT...
...I DON'T THINK I CAN HOLD HIM IN ANY LONGER.
TOUCHED ONLY BY RI.....
DON'T TELL ME THOSE SIRENS WERE--
SAKURA!

...LIKE I AM NOW...
WEEEOOOO
WEEEOOOO
WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER!
SAKURA'S ALREADY CHANGING!
TAKI, DO YOU HEAR WHAT I'M SAYING?
EVEN THE GIRL'S LIKE A MOSQUITO AGAINST A MISSILE HEAD!
WITH THE INJURED TOTALING 23.
THE DEMON WOKE UP ONCE ALREADY TODAY
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SAKURA HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL IT
MANY OF THE VICTIMS INCURRED LIFE THREATENING BITE WOUNDS, APPARENTLY FROM A LARGE ANIMAL.
WHO SAYS WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL AFTER HE'S KILLED THE FIRST OF US?

HURRY!
WE HAVE TO STOP HIM!
YOU MEAN NO ONE WAS KILLED?
SAKURA ...
IS IT TRUE ABOUT WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF YOU KILL EVEN ONE PERSON?
..THAT'S TWICE NOW..
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO ANYTHING
ARE YOU SURE?
YES
BUT...
THANK GOD.

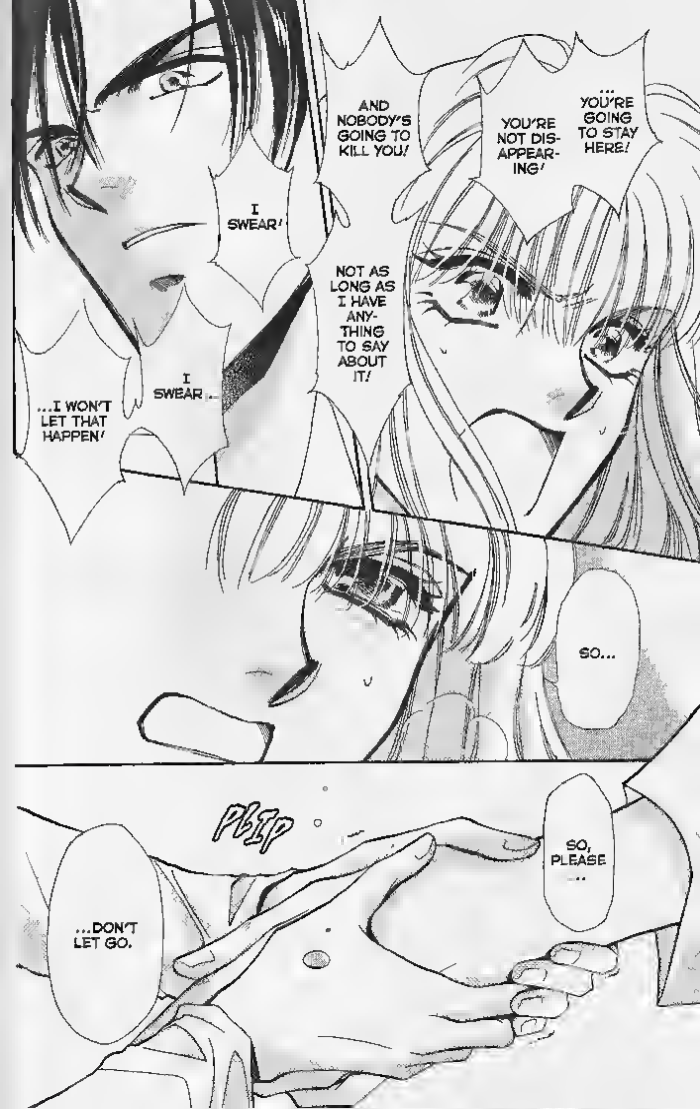
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME!
SHIRO TOLD ME THE WHOLE STORY, SO—
.. DON'T THINK YOU CAN KEEP IT FROM ME ANYMORE!
SAKURA!
SHIRO TOLD YOU?
BOY, IS HE GONNA PAY FOR THIS.
I JUST HAVE THIS CERTAINTY ...
YES, I'M SURE.
ONCE I KILL A HUMAN, HE'LL WAKE UP.
THEN I'LL BE SWALLOWED UP I'LL DISAPPEAR ...
... FOREVER...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

...YOU'LL DIE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY... "DISAPPEAR FOREVER"?
NO. IT'S DIFFERENT.
YOU MEAN ..
ARIA, CALM DOWN.
NO, IT'S NOT DIFFERENT! DYING IS DYING!
IT'S NOT LIKE DYING.
I AM CALM!
IF I'M NOT ABLE TO STOP YOU...
...THEN YOU'LL REALLY--
I DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.

...I WILL DISAP-PEAR. ONE WAY OR AN-OTHER.
NO MATTER WHAT HAP-PENS..
WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAY--
GRAB
!
HE MAY MANAGE TO OVERTAKE ME, EVEN WITH-OUT MY KILLING SOMEONE.
JUST LIKE BEFORE, REMEM-BER?
THERE WAS NEVER ANY WAY..
..TO STOP HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE.

I'LL DO WHAT I NEED TO
I CAN'T STAND JUST SITTING BACK AND LETTING A MONSTER CONSUME ME, OR LETTING MY HUNTERS FINISH ME OFF.
THE ONLY REASON I CAME TO YOU...
. . .WAS SO THAT I COULD LIVE A LITTLE LONGER
I'M SORRY. SO FAR...
. . .I'VE ONLY MANAGED TO SCARE YOU.
WHAT IS HE SAYING?
I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE 4,000 PEOPLE!
THAT'S NOT ENOUGH TO SCARE ME!
QUIT TREATING ME LIKE I'M AN IDIOT!
THE ONLY THING I'M REALLY SCARED OF...
SCARED? I'M NOT SCARED OF ANYTHING!
WHAT THE HELL IS HE SAYING!?

EVEN SCARIER THAN BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIVES OF 4,000 PEOPLE...
...WAS THE WAY IT STARED OUT AT ME THROUGH SAKURA'S EYES.
THE ONLY TIME I WAS REALLY AFRAID WAS
...BACK THEN.
ARIA...
FOR A SECOND, I WAS AFRAID ..
...I'D NEVER SEE HIM SMILE AGAIN.
YOU'RE STILL HERE, SAKURA! AND DON'T YOU FORGET THAT!
I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO LISTEN TO YOUR WHINING!
QUIT IT WITH THE LAME TALK!
YOU HAVE TO FORGET ABOUT ME--
SLIP
GRAB


...YOU'RE GOING TO STAY HERE!
YOU'RE NOT DISAPPEARING!
AND NOBODY'S GOING TO KILL YOU!
NOT AS LONG AS I HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT!
I SWEAR!
I SWEAR...
...I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
SO...
SO, PLEASE...
PLIP
...DON'T LET GO.

DON'T...
...LET GO!
I'M SURE THERE'S A WAY TO SAVE SAKURA
I KNOW WE CAN!
WE'LL FIND A WAY, ONCE WE LOOK FOR IT.
...!

BUT THAT VERY NIGHT...
...SAKURA DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A WORD...
...TO ME OR SHIRO.
MEOOOW
SCRCH
SCRCH

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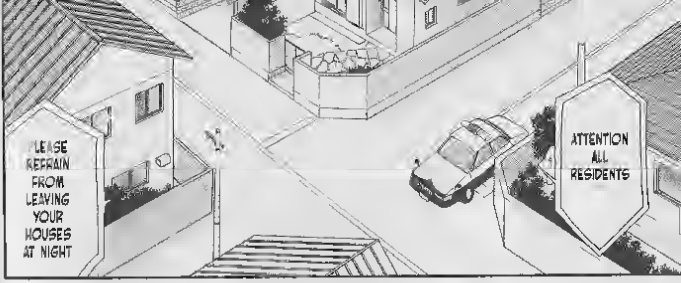
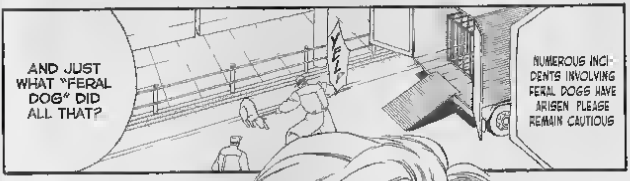
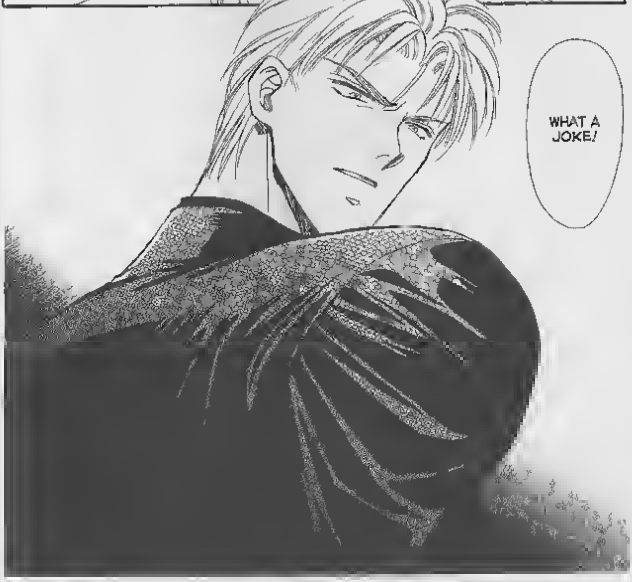
CHAPTER 6


ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS
PLEASE REFRAIN FROM LEAVING YOUR HOUSES AT NIGHT


NUMEROUS INCIDENTS INVOLVING FERAL DOGS HAVE ARISEN PLEASE REMAIN CAUTIOUS
YELL
AND JUST WHAT "FERAL DOG" DID ALL THAT?


WHAT A JOKE!

TIME IS AGAINST US NEXT TIME THERE WILL BE FATALITIES.
THEN, ONCE THE DEMON AWAKENS...
...WE WILL ALL BE ELIMINATED.
BEFORE THAT HAPPENS...
...WE MUST FIND A WAY TO KILL SAKURA, ALONG WITH THAT MONSTER.
THAT IS WHY I'M ASKING FOR YOUR HELP.
SHIRO.
WE'LL FINALLY PUT AN END TO THIS UGLY CURSE.
RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!

BAM
OPEN UP!
SHIRO, I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE!
SHIRO!
BAM
SHIRO!
BAM
Give me a break!
HOW CAN'T HE BE HOME?
HAAH
DENT
HAAH
WOULD YOU PLEASE BE QUIET!?
BAM
I SAID OPEN UP!
BAM
SHIRO!
SILENCE

SLUMP
WHERE ON EARTH...
COULD HE HAVE GONE?
EVEN AFTER I TOLD HIM TO STAY HOME...
IN CASE SAKURA CAME BACK.
SIGH
STUPID SAKURA! I TAKE MY EYES OFF OF HIM FOR ONE SECOND AND HE PULLS A DISAPPEARING ACT!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
IF WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY EVER HAPPENS AGAIN...
AND EVEN ONE PERSON GETS KILLED...
...SAKURA WILL DISAPPEAR
SHIVER
SLAM
NO!
I KNOW THERE MUST BE A WAY TO SAVE HIM!

BUT FIRST, I HAVE TO FIND SAKURA!
THERE HAS TO BE!
AND I'M GOING TO FIND IT!
GRIT
OW!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, DAMMIT!
BUMP
!

IT'S THAT GUY!
GASP
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
SWOOSH
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOUR QUESTIONS.
WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR YOUR HELP ANYMORE.

WE NEED YOU ALIVE, BUT NOT NECESSARILY UNHARMED.
SHIT!
SO YOU'RE COMING WITH US, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO BREAK BOTH YOUR LEGS!
JUMP
SO NOW YOU SHOW YOUR TRUE COLORS, YOU JERK!

WOOSH
AS WE SPEAK, HE'S ALREADY BEGUN TO CHANGE.
YESTERDAY ALONE, SAKURA MANAGED TO INJURE 24 INNOCENT CIVILIANS.
WE MUST KILL HIM WHILE HE'S STILL HUMAN!
WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER!
GRAPPLE
WE'RE DOING THIS TO SAVE THE LIVES OF OVER 4,000 PEOPLE.
SO YOU BETTER BE A GOOD GIRL AND LISTEN FOR A CHANGE.
Y...
YOU ...
AUGH!

WHAM
YOU SHUT THE HELL UP!
YOU'RE JUST GONNA KILL HIM WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE?
WHAT ABOUT SAKURA'S LIFE?
DASH
YOU SON OF--
SAKURA'S LIFE?
HE'S JUST A SMALL SACRIFICE!
THAT'S ALL HE IS!

GRAB
WHAT!?
SLAM
AUGH!
SKID
HUF HUF HUF
HAAA
SHIVER
SHIVER
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?

THUMP
ALTER NATIVE?
YOU WERE THE ALTER-NATIVE.
LAST TIME, THIS GUY ALSO...
WOW
SH
MANY MEMBERS OF THE BLOOD LINE HAVE DEVELOPED SPECIAL POWERS
THAT'S RIGHT
HA...
WHO SHOULD BE SAVED? AND WHO SHOULD BE DISCARD-ED?
THE ANSWER SHOULD BE CLEAR. IT'S EITHER SAKURA'S SINGLE LIFE, OR THE LIVES OF 4,000
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD STOP HIM, OR SO WE THOUGHT.
IT TURNS OUT YOU WERE FAIRLY USE-LESS
HUFF
HUFF
HA HA HA!
HA HA...

SHOVE
!
WHO SHOULD BE SAVED? IF IT'S UP TO ME...
HMPH!
I CHOOSE SAKURA.

NO!
YOU'RE GONNA KILL YOURSELF...!!
GRAB
CHANK
CHANK
CHANK
CHANK

THAT'S SOME WOMAN!
TAP
CREAK
CREAK
WOW.
CHANK
CHANK
URGH!
HUFF
HUFF
YOU BETTER THINK TWICE ABOUT MESSING WITH ME!
Take that!
THAT DOES IT!
I CHOOSE SAKURA
LIARS
SNAKES
HUFF
DOUBLE AGENTS!
TRAITORS
HUFF

LOOM
AH!
WOBBLE
THROB
UGH, I'M GETTING DIZZY...
THROB
CAN'T SEE STRAIGHT
HOW...
YOU WERE FAIRLY USELESS.
...INSENSITIVE OF HIM.
MUST BE ANOTHER ONE OF HIS LACKEYS.
DAMN!
HUH?
WHAM

SHI...
...RO!
HH
THUP
!
WHY?
WHAT...?
HUH?
WHY YOU?
SORRY, KID.
I NEED YOUR HELP.

SKUFF
ALL THAT'S LEFT NOW IS SAKURA.
I'LL CALL HIM.
HE SHOULD KNOW THE LOCATION.
IS HE WITH OUR ELDER RELATIVE?
THE ONE WHO FIRST TOLD YOU AND SAKURA ABOUT THE GIRL'S EXISTENCE?
I'M SURE SHE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT BEING ABLE TO SEE THE FUTURE.
IF HE'S WITH HER...
...WON'T HE ALREADY KNOW ABOUT OUR PLANS AND REFUSE TO COME?
HE'LL COME.

HE'LL COME... FOR THE GIRL.
HOOOW
YOU'RE GOING, SAKURA?
EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN ONCE YOU'RE THERE?
HOOOW

YOU KNOW THAT THOSE FOOLISH MEN PLAN ON USING THE GIRL TO KILL YOU.
IT WON'T WORK.
INSTEAD, IT WILL ONLY ACT AS THE TRIGGER TO SUMMON THE DEMON.
YOU WON'T BE KILLED.. JUST COMPLETELY ERASED.
THEN, THE TRUE TRAGEDY WILL BEGIN.
ALL 4,000 WILL BE KILLED..
...BY THE DEMON WHICH WILL TAKE OVER YOUR BODY.
THIS FATE HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED.
AND CANNOT BE CHANGED.

I DIDN'T MEAN TO CAUSE ANY MORE TROUBLE FOR HER.
BUT I GUESS IT'S TOO LATE TO BACK OUT NOW.
DRIP
DRIP
NO, TOWAKO-SAN.
IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT I'VE MADE UP MY MIND.
I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THE COURSE OF HISTORY WAS UNCHANGE-ABLE, BUT EVEN I HELD ONTO MY FOOLISH DREAMS
I SUP-POSE IT WAS IMPOS-SIBLE, AFTER ALL
EVEN AFTER FINDING OUT ABOUT HER.
I WILL...
..CHANGE IT.
SAKURA ...?

I WILL TRY...
...TO CHANGE MY FATE.
PSSSH

WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO CHAIN A GIRL UP LIKE THIS!?
LET ME OUT!
LET ME OUT, DAMN IT!
CRASH
BANG
BANG
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
M...me?
HEY, TRY TO CALM DOWN, WOULD Y--
CREAK
IT'S GIVING ME A HEADACHE SHIRO, SEE IF YOU CAN DO SOMETHING TO SHUT HER UP
BANG
BANG
BOSS, SHE'S BEEN AT THIS ALL NIGHT.

SLAM
SHIRO!
Y-YOU SON OF A--
YIPE!
SAY SOME-THING, SHIRO!
DID YOU BETRAY ME? TRICK ME?
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!?

SO IT'S TRUE.
SHI... RO...
SLAM
I SAID BE QUIET!
AH!
GRAB

Work Diary
Eraser Part 1
I usually get one of my assistants to do that for me
After finishing the rough drafts of the manga with the inking process I erase the pencil lines with my eraser
Why you ask?
Look at all that leftover!
Oh, my god! What is this mess?
Unerased part
Who the heck did this erasing job?
WA HA HA
?!
It's because I do such a poor job with it that I wind up with all this noise
CHATTER
CHATTER
That wasn't me was it?
I would've loved to!
SO, YOU'VE SIDED WITH THE SNAKES, HUH?
THAT'S ENOUGH, ALL RIGHT?
TUG
YOU'VE GIVEN ME NO CHOICE
WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING WITH ME, YOU TRAI-TOR?
SHUT UP!
WHAT ?
THAT'S WHEN WE MOVE IN FOR THE KILL.
EVEN NOW, YOU CAN KEEP SAKURA FROM TRANS-FORMING WITH JUST A TOUCH.
WE JUST NEED TO USE YOUR POWER.

HE MAY SIMPLY LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS LIKE BEFORE, BUT...
...THIS TIME WE CAN'T SETTLE FOR JUST THAT.
WE WILL KILL HIM.
SHIRO!!
WHAM
CLATTER
SHINO REALLY IS A NICE GUY
SAKURA ...
HE WORRIES ABOUT ME
SHI
SAKURA!
SAKURA!

IF YOU PULL A STUNT LIKE THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES, WE'LL KILL YOU ALONG WITH SAKURA.
VENT YOUR FRUSTRATION WHILE YOU STILL CAN.
CREAK
SHIRO!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!
YOU--!
.....
.....
SAKURA...
...BELIEVED YOU!

SHIRO!!
SLAM
THE BATTLE THAT HAS BEEN WAGING FOR 400 YEARS...
WE MUST!
TODAY'S THE FINAL SHOW-DOWN.
THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE, MEN.
WE MUST KILL SAKURA!
I WILL NOT ALLOW FAILURE!

...WILL FINALLY END HERE!
PSSSSH

PSSSSH
WHAT IS THIS?
THIS CAN'T BE TRUE!
RATTLE
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
NONE OF THIS IS!
THIS CAN'T BE REAL!
BUT THIS...
I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
I BELIEVED EVERYTHING UNTIL NOW, BUT...

SAKURA, EVEN IF THIS...
...REALLY IS THE WORLD YOU COME FROM...
!!
SPLISH!

PSSS
SSH
HE CAME.
SPLISH
SPLISH
...KURA.
SA...

SHIRO.
YOU BETTER KEEP HIDING YOUR FACE FOR A WHILE AFTER I'M DEAD
IT'D BE A SHAME IF YOU WERE MISTAKEN FOR ME AND KILLED.
I'M SORRY.
IT'S OKAY.
I'M SURPRISED.
AFTER RUNNING AWAY FOR SO LONG ..
..WHY HAVE YOU SUDDENLY ACCEPTED YOUR FATE?

I COULD NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF IF THE DEMON KILLED *HER*.
I USED TO THINK IT WOULD BE SHAMEFUL TO BE KILLED BY THE LIKES OF YOU.
BUT I FINALLY HAVE A GOOD REASON TO DIE.
AND I WILL NOT MESS THAT UP...
...EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE.

...AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
SPLISH
SAKURA, HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT...
SPLISH
IT'S NOT FUNNY!
QUIT JOKING AROUND!
SPLISH
IT'S NOT... ...FUNNY.
CLINK
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER, YOU IDIOT!

ONCE HE TOUCHES THE GIRL...
GET READY.
LOOM
SAKURA ...
NO...

SAKURA...
I'M SORRY...
...FOR SCARING YOU BUT THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME.
CLOSE YOUR EYES, ARIA
ST--

STOP!
SAKURA!

BANG BANG
BANG
SAKURAAAAAA!

THEIR PLAN WILL FAIL...
...THE TRUE TRAGEDY WILL BEGIN.
AND THEN...
FOR THIS IS YOUR FATE.

NIGHT OF THE BEASTS
CHAPTER 7

FOOM

!
SSSHH
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?
WOOSH
KEEP FIRING UNTIL IT'S DEAD!
THIS IS THE END OF THE DEMON!
KEEP FIRING!
NO!
AUGH!
VOOM

AAH!
CRASH
HOW CAN...
...THIS BE?
SWISH
THAT DEMON'S POWER EXCEEDED THE GIRL'S OWN!
THIS IS NO DEATH
DID HIS POWER INCREASE THAT MUCH IN JUST ONE DAY?
...WERE WE... ONE DAY TOO LATE?

SHIVER
SAKURA.
WE WERE SO CLOSE!
CAN'T HAVE THIS.
HE STOPPED IT?
WHAT...
GROOOWL

SAKURA!
I CAN'T HAVE THIS.
THE ONLY ONE YOU'RE GOING TO KILL IS ME.
SO COME AND GET ME!
Roooar
NOW...

I CAN
COME!
HURRY!
...I WILL FINALLY CHANGE MY FATE.
I WILL CHANGE IT!
GROWL
SAKURA, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU IF YOU GIVE UP LIKE THIS!
WHY?
ARE YOU TRYING TO PISS ME OFF!?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
SAKURA!
THIS... MONSTER!
KILL SAKURA!
...KILL THIS CHILD...
IF I COULD--
KILL SAKURA!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU--
KILL HIM!

THEY DIDN'T HESITATE WHEN THEY TRIED TO KILL ME.
MY OWN BLOOD
MY FATHER MY BROTH ER
I KNOW.
YOU CAN GRAB ONTO MY HAND WHENEVER YOU NEED TO.
YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!

SAKURA, ARE YOU LISTENING--
SMACK
...THAT NO ONE ELSE WOULD SAY TO ME.
YOU ALWAYS SAID THE WORDS...
HUH? WH-WHAT?
WHA --?
PLEASE
CLOSE YOUR EYES

CLOSE YOUR EYES...
SA--
...!
SWEEP
YOU DON'T NEED...
...TO SEE THIS.
-ARIA-

KILL
STAB
DRIP
SWISH
SA-
KURA
...

THUD
SLIP

HOOOWL
SWOOP
SWOOSH
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
I...
AH..
WH...
WHY ...?

WHY!!!
SAKURAAA!
SAKURA
SPLAT
SPLASH
.....

YOU'RE SHIRO KIJIMA, CORRECT?
...BUT FEEL SOME PITY FOR YOU.
...SO I COULDN'T HELP...
YOU ACTED LIKE YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CARE IN THE WORLD...
LIFT
WE MUST KILL HIM.
IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE, BUT THERE IS A WAY TO CALM THE BEAST.
WHERE IS SAKURA NOW?
I DIDN'T CARE WHAT IT WOULD TAKE.

IF ONLY WE COULD'VE DESTROYED THE DEMON DEVOURING YOUR SOUL...
...BEFORE IT MANAGED TO SWALLOW YOUR HEART.
AS LONG AS IT MEANT SAVING YOU.
I'M SORRY, SAKURA.
THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD FREE YOU.

THIS MEANS ...
WE'RE ALL SAVED!
FINALLY
SPLISH
SHIRO ...
WHY YOU ...
SA-KURA IS DEAD!
SSSSSH
YOU BASTARD!

NOT... YET.
NOT YET... SHIRO.
GET... AWAY FROM ME.

THIS FATE HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED...

...AND CANNOT BE CHANGED.

SLASH!!

THOOOOM
オオオオ

ONCE HE KILLS HIS FIRST PERSON...
THE FIRST...
...KILL...
...IS ME?

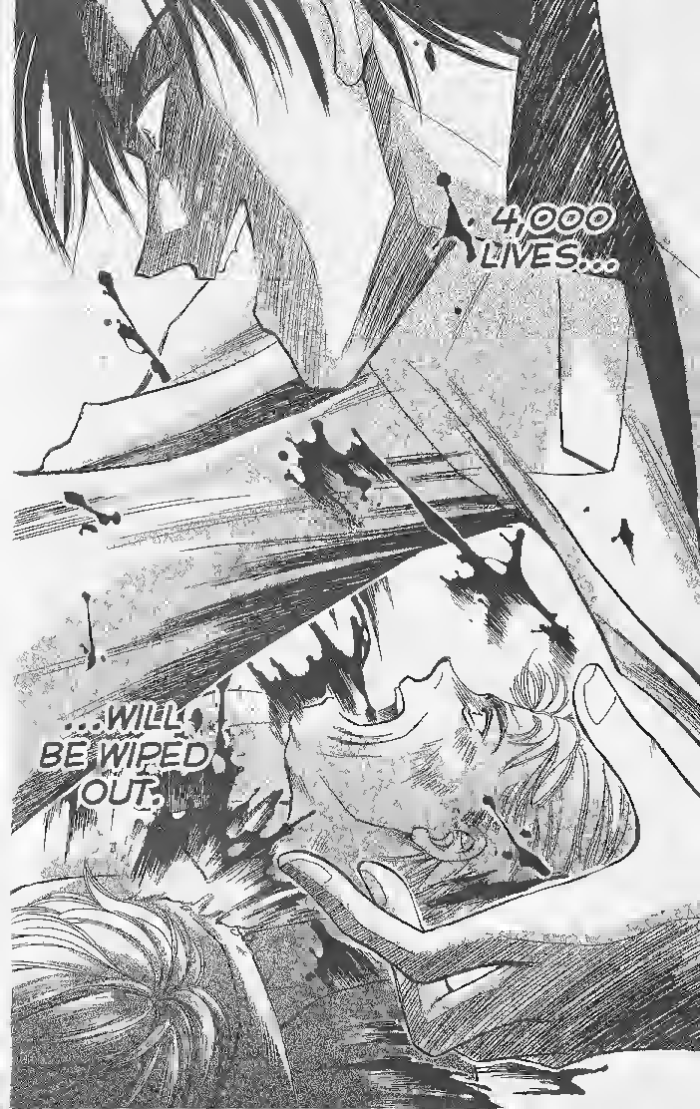
THE ONE WHO WILL ERASE SAKURA...
...IS ME
NO! IF I DIE--!
UGH... NO...
IF I...
...DIE...
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER

SAKURA...

FA
WOOOM

AAAH! RUN!
NO!
AH!
4,000 LIVES...
HOW COULD THIS... HAPPEN?
...WILL NOW...

NO...
DEAR GOD...
THUD
THU


4,000 LIVES...
...WILL BE WIPED OUT.

LOOM
SLAM
!
SOME-
BODY...
AH...
...STOP
THIS...
AH!
...MONSTER!
AAAH!
AAH!

SOME-
BODY!
..ARE
YOU?
WHO...
WHY ARE
YOU INSIDE
OF ME?

SLAM!

RUSH
RUSH
RUSH
SMACK

SHUDDER
SHUDDER
YOU...
YOU...
UGH ...
URGH ...
WHAT ..?
WHAT HAP-PENED ?

...HAS HAPPENED!

SOMETHING...

I CANNOT SEE IT!
I CANNOT READ IT!
OUR FATE HAS BEEN--
WHAT ON EARTH
...IS HAP-PEN-ING?
THUMP

WHY . .
. AM I STILL ALIVE?
WHAT JUST . . .
. . . HAP-PENED ?

SA...
...KURA.

I WON'T LET SAKURA DISAPPEAR.
I WON'T LET ANYONE KILL HIM.
I PROMISED, I WON'T...

NIGHT OF THE BEASTS
CHAPTER 8

■ Sakura Kijima ■

Everyone that heard I'd given my male lead the feminine name "Sakura" gave me a funny look. Originally I'd planned on giving him Arias name but couldn't decide. In the end I just sort of decided to stick the name "Sakura" on him instead. I don't know about everyone else but I really like it.

DON'T YOU SCARE ME LIKE THAT.
STUPID WHOR-
GASP!
LOOM
AAH!
SLAP
SIR, ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE, OLD MAN.
FLASH

SA...
...KURA!
YOUR OWN FEAR HAS BETRAYED YOU.
SLIDE
NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU RUN...
...I CAN FOLLOW THE SCREAMS OF YOUR SOUL.
HEH! HEH!
NO!
NO...!

HOW DARE YOU SLAP ME!
YOU ROTTEN OLD MAN--
EEEE

TAKI!
AND ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR FAILURE!
THE HUNT HAS BEGUN!
FLUTTER
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY MURDERS THAT MAKES IN LESS THAN A MONTH?
JUST LOOK AT THESE REPORTS! ANOTHER RELATIVE DEAD!
CAN'T YOU SEE TAKI-SAMA IS STILL HURT?
WHY THE HELL SHOULD I WAIT FOR HIS RECOVERY?
FATHER, PLEASE!
I TOLD YOU I'D GIVE YOU THE FINEST MANPOWER AND WEAPONRY YOU NEEDED.
BUT THEN YOU HAD TO GO AND--

WHEN IS IT MY TURN!?
TODAY!? TOMORROW?
ALL OF US WILL BE KILLED BY SAKURA!
THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT ME AND YOU!
THIS IS ABOUT THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
IT KILLS ME SEEING COWARDS LIKE THIS.
YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING, TAKU!
DAMN IT! I'M SCARED!
AFTER SEEING THAT NIGHTMARE, MY AFFLUENT FATHER, OWNER OF A VAST BUSINESS EMPIRE ..
I'M DOUBLING THE NUMBER OF GUARDS AROUND THE HOUSE.
..BECAME A SOBBING WRECK.
SINCE THE CONFRONTATION TWO WEEKS AGO..
..IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD TO THINK WE CAN ESCAPE IT NOW
..THE MONSTER HAS DESTROYED SO MANY OF US THAT ..

IF ONLY THERE WAS...
...SOME WAY TO STOP HIM.
SOME WAY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED...
...WHEN SAKURA WAS REPELLED BY THAT LIGHT.
I HAVE TO GO BACK THERE IF I CAN FIND OUT WHAT IT WAS.
TAKI-SAMA, ARE YOU GOING OUT?
YOU'RE STILL IN NO CONDITION TO BE WALKING
BESIDES, IT'S GETTING LATE PLEASE RECONSIDER, TAKI-SAMA.
YOU ARE ONE OF THE BLOOD RELATIVES
I... UH...
CREAK

SH
THAT DREAM DESTROYED EVERY-THING.
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A MARRIAGE DECIDED BY OUR PARENTS...
...TODAY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE DAY WE EXCHANGED OUR VOWS.
BUT THAT ALL ENDED WITH THAT ONE PIECE OF PAPER.
TA-MAKI.
CLACK
...I WANTED HIM TO STAY BY MY SIDE ON THIS ONE DAY.
IT'S JUST NOT THE TIME.
NOT NOW. BUT STILL...
HUH?
I'LL BE LATE, BUT I WILL RETURN.
PLEASE STAY UP AND WAIT FOR ME.

YES.
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU.
YOU NEED TWO PEOPLE FOR A WEDDING, AFTER ALL.

SAKURAAA!
SAKURA!
IT'S SAKURA!
SHAKE
SHAKE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
REALLY, FOR A BOY, YOU ARE AB-SOLUTELY PATHETIC!
YOU'RE PROBABLY JUST HEARING THINGS.
WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!
HE'S GONNA KILL US!
N-N-N-NO, I'M SERI-OUS!
I HEARD A BLOOD-CURDLING HOWL COM-ING FROM THAT ROOM!
RAFFLE!
Good grief

TO...
TOWAKO-SAMA?
GYAAAH!
WHAT ON EARTH IS ALL THIS RACKET ABOUT?
What was that scream?
I'VE BEEN HERE FOR THE LAST HOUR AND HAVEN'T SEEN EVEN A MOUSE!
FORGIVE ME. TOHRU SAID HE HEARD SOMETHING THIS MORNING.
He's been hiding in his room all day
I WAS JUST CHECKING ON THE YOUNG LADY
SHE'S STILL ALIVE AFTER ALL THESE WEEKS.
SQUEEZE
Ho ho ho Now really
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S RELATED TO YOU, TOWAKO-SAMA.
HE'S THE BIGGEST SCAREDY-CAT I'VE EVER SEEN!

I ALMOST LEFT HER FOR DEAD WHEN I FIRST FOUND HER
SHE WAS SPLIT RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE.
HOW CAN SHE STILL BE ALIVE?
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, TOWAKO-SAMA? EVEN WITH YOUR ABILITY TO SEE THE FUTURE...
NO.
I CAN NO LONGER SEE ANY-THING
THE FATE I ONCE SAW IS NOW SHROUDED IN DARK-NESS.

THAT DAY ALMOST TWO WEEKS AGO, WHEN THE DEMON FIRST AWOKE...
IT WAS SHROUDED THEN, AT THE VERY MOMENT SHIRO WAS MURDERED AND SAKURA VANISHED
...
PERHAPS THE DARKNESS ... MARKS THE INEVITABLE DESTRUCTION OF THIS BLOODLINE
SHIFT
OR PERHAPS ...
...IT MARKS A NEW FATE WE ARE UNAWARE OF.
SHUT
WOOOO

?
SNAP
CRACK
GULP
CRACK
WH-WHAT AM I DOING, SLEEPING OUT HERE?
OH NO!
AND RIGHT OUTSIDE OF THIS ROOM, OF ALL PLACES!
JERK
was left behind.
BAM
YIPE!

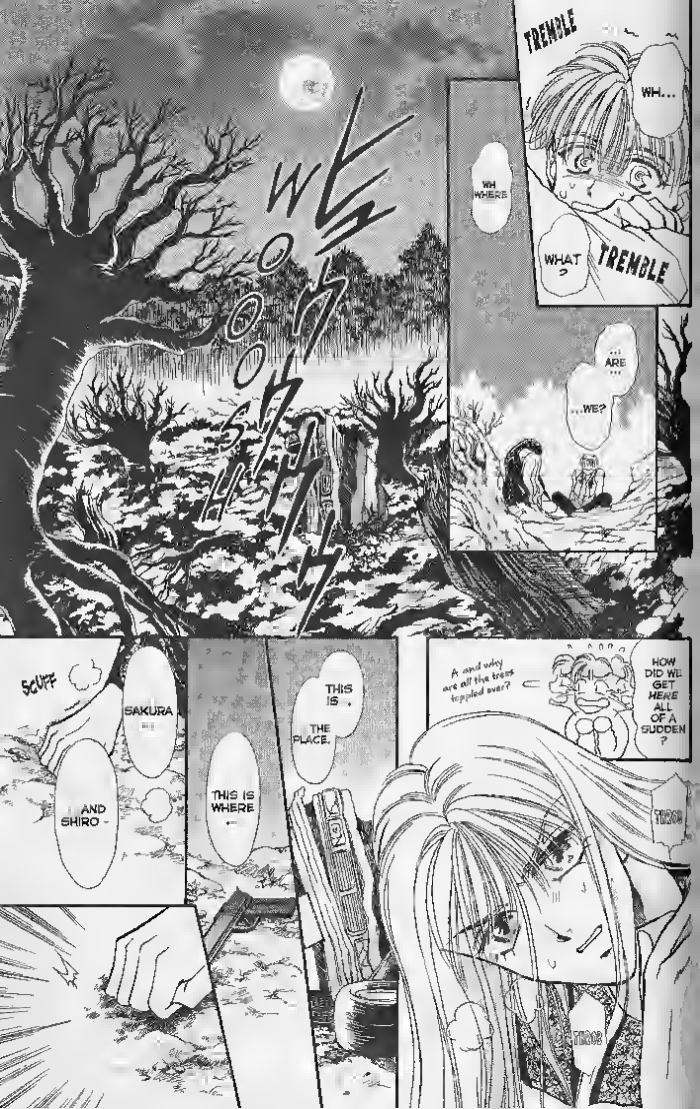
カラ
NOOOO!
カラ
IT REALLY IS SAKURA! I KNEW IT!
!
WAA!
CRASH

IT'S NOT TRUE.

A...
ARIA-SAN? Her name right?
WOBBLE
GRAB
WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WHOA!
BRING ME TO HIM!
SAKURA ...
...IS GONE?

HUH?
WH--?
I SAID BRING ME TO WHERE HE WAS!
SORRY, BUT I DON'T KN--
TAKE ME THERE!
HURRY!
TAKE ME THERE NOW!
WHOOSH
ARROOOOO
AAH!

HOOOWL
TOHRU?
TH-THAT'S THE CRY I HEARD EARLIER!
BUT WHERE IS IT COMING FROOOM!?
HOOOWL
WHA...?
WHIP


TREMBLE
WH...
WH WHERE
WHAT?
TREMBLE
...ARE ...
...WE?
WOOOSH
HOW DID WE GET HERE ALL OF A SUDDEN?
A wind whirl are all the trees toppled over?
TROD
TROD
THIS IS THE PLACE.
THIS IS WHERE...
SCUFF
SAKURA...
AND SHIRO -

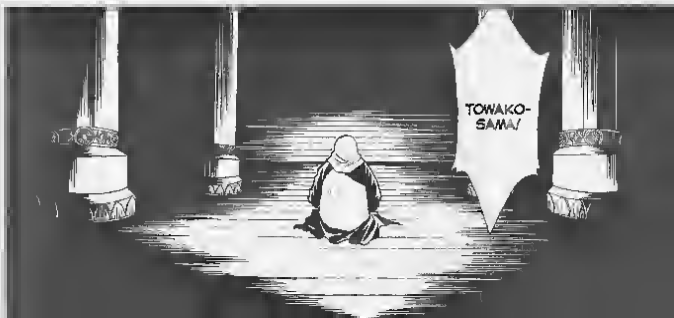
UH...
ARIA-SAN?
THE GROUND IS SO BLACK..
...BLOOD.
THIS IS...
NO...

I RE-MEMBER NOW
I SAW THROUGH A CURTAIN OF RAIN...
AS SHIRO DIED
AS SAKURA KILLED HIM.
THEN SAKURA...
NO...
...VANISHED...
OH MY GOD!
THIS IS SHIRO'S ...

IT CAN'T BE TRUE!
IT CAN'T BE!
SAKURA!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

EVEN THOUGH I PROMISED ...
NOOOO!
...TO SAVE HIM.
NO...
I PROMISED HIM!
A...
SHUDDER

TWIST
EVEN AFTER THAT WOUND
WHY ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?


TOWAKO-SAMA!

THE YOUNG LADY AND TOHRU THEY'RE BOTH--!
DON'T BE ALARMED.
I AM WATCHING OVER THEM.
EE!
EEK!
HIDE
THROUGH TOHRU'S EYES...
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D SURVIVE.
BUT YOU'RE ALIVE, AND...
...HOW DID YOU APPEAR LIKE THAT?
JUST WHAT ARE YOU!?

BAM!
BECAUSE YOU HAD TO BUTT IN LIKE THAT, SAKURA AND SHIRO ARE BOTH--
THIS IS...
SQUEEZE
--ALL YOUR FAULT!
AH!
WHAT HAP-PENED?
TELL ME

HOOOWL
I SAID TELL ME!
YANK
AUGH!
!?
HOOWL
WHAT...
...ARE YOU?

WHAT !?
!
A WHITE--
WOOOSH

SLAM
URGH!
GA--
GASP!
WHA..
WHAT WAS THAT!?
!

WHAM
WHAM
IT'S THE SAME CREATURE FROM BEFORE!
IT CAN'T BE...
IT CAN'T BE!

400 YEARS AGO...
...THERE WAS ONE SINGLE BEING WHO COULD DESTROY THE BLACK DEMON
FLAP
I SEE NOW.
SO THE CREATURE THAT HAS TRAVELED THROUGH THE FAMILY'S BLOOD-LINE...
...WAS NOT SIMPLY A PUPPET, AFTER ALL.

...WITH THE WHITE DEMON.
THE HUMAN...

.....
IT'S...
...INSIDE OF ME.
SWOOSH
THAT'S IT.
THAT'S THE THING.
...THAT CAN KILL SAKURA
IT'S THE ONE.
...THAT CAN SAVE US ALL.
LEND US YOUR HELP!
YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE US!

KILL SAK--
THAT'S ENOUGH!
SIGH
I'M SICK OF LISTENING TO YOU WHINE.
YOU JERKS CAN DO WHATEVER THE HELL YOU LIKE.
WH...
WHAT?
I DON'T WANT TO DIE.
IF SAKURA'S NO LONGER HERE...
...THEN I HAVE ONLY ONE THING TO SAY.

ALL 4,000 OF YOU...
...MADE SAKURA DISAPPEAR.

AAUGH!
SLAM!
FATHER
!?

SA...
...KURA.
SAKURA IS GONE.

SAKURA IS GONE.
JUST HOW LONG..
DO YOU PLAN TO MESS AROUND ?
SAKURA IS GONE!
I DON'T NEED YOU!
GET OUT OF ME!
GONE FOREVER.
YOU WERE TOO LATE ...

WHY!?
WHY DIDN'T YOU COME OUT SOONER?
WHAT WERE YOU WAITING FOR?
I'LL NEVER SEE SAKURA OR SHIRO AGAIN...

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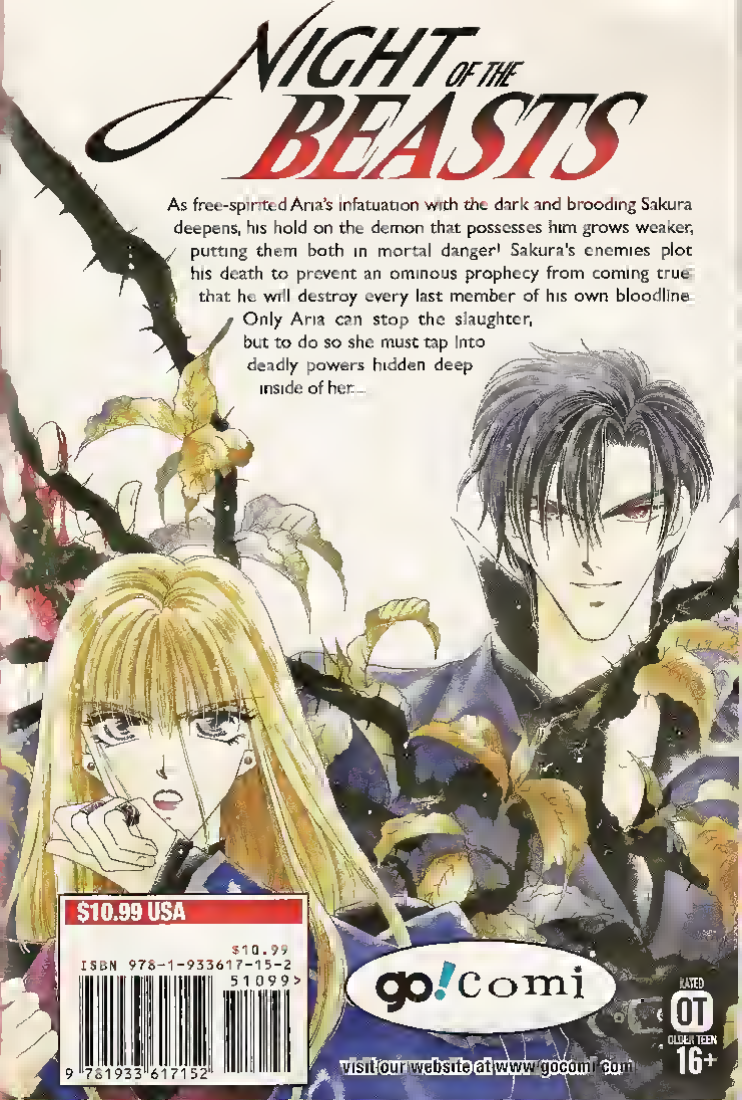

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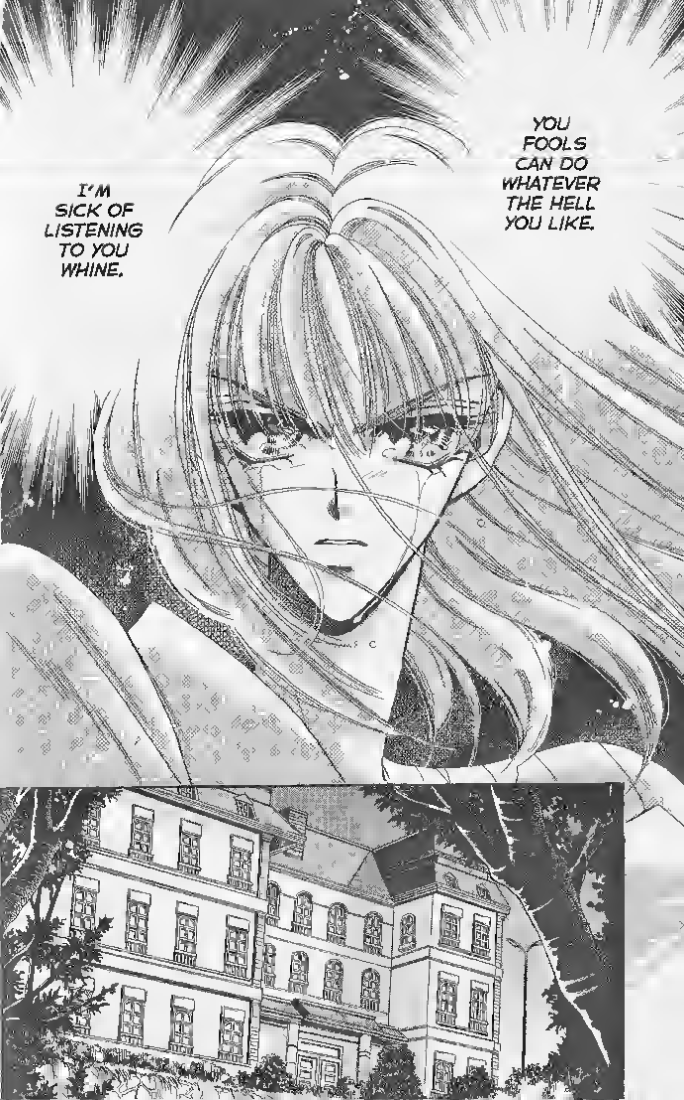

I'M SICK OF LISTENING TO YOU WHINE.
YOU FOOLS CAN DO WHATEVER THE HELL YOU LIKE.

SLAM
GRIT
THAT LITTLE BITCH...
AFTER I FINALLY FOUND US HOPE...
THE ONE PERSON WHO CAN FACE SAKURA...
SOME-BODY HELP ME...
...!
IF ONLY WE HAD HER POWER!
CLATCH
DOES SHE PLAN ON JUST SITTING BACK AND WATCHING US GET PICKED OFF!?
WHAT'S SHE THINKING?

WAS THIS... SAKURA?
THUMP
CLATTER
SHUDDER
FWD

TAMAKI!
TA--
WOOSH
TAMAKI, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
TAM-AKI!

LOOM
WHY IS HE SUDDENLY ...
...RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME?
THADUMP
THADUMP
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
THADUMP
WHERE AM I?
WHA--

IT SEEMS ...
...I'VE CAUGHT ANOTHER ONE.
THIS IS MY HUNTING GROUND...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
THADUMP
AND I WAS JUST FINISHING OFF MY PREY
SO HOW 'BOUT I FINISH THE TWO OF YOU OFF TOGETHER?
HEH! HA!
THADUMP
THADUMP
SAKURA
THADUMP

GRAB
!
AAH!
!
YOU WERE THERE ...
I REMEMBER THAT FACE.
... DURING THE BATTLE.

AAH!
UGH. .
...THE WHITE DEMON?
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT...

CHATTER
ザワ
ザワ
CHATTER
ザワ
クリアランス
WHERE ON EARTH DID SHE GO?
THERE SHE IS!
ARIA!

A-ARIA?
BUT YOU JUST GOT HERE!
SORRY.
MAYBE SHE JUST DOESN'T WANNA HANG
SHE'S BEEN GONE FOR TWO WEEKS WITHOUT A WORD.
OH, ARIA..
I WONDER WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HER.
...IT'S LIKE SHE'S A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON.
AND NOW THAT SHE'S FINALLY BACK...
I...
...THINK I'M GONNA GO HOME.
HUH?
I'M SORRY.
QUIT DAY-DREAMING OR WE'LL LEAVE YOU BEHIND

CLICK
.....
!
ARIA-SAN!
--SAN!
ARIA-SAN, I KNEW IT WAS YOU!

WHO ARE YOU?
THANK GOODNESS I FOUND YOU!
I WENT OUT LOOKING FOR YOU, BUT GOT LOST!
GULP
SHE'S KIND OF SCARY
ER... I'M TOHRU.
TOWAKO?
SO... TOWAKO-SAMA ASKED ME TO BRING YOU TO HER.
DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?
JUST THE OTHER DAY, I WAS TELEPORTED TO A FOREST WITH YOU.
AND THEN... I WAS LEFT THERE.
YEAH, SHE'S THE ONE WHO HELPED YOU RECOVER.
SHE'S MY GRANDMOTHER'S SISTER.

AND ONE OF *YOUR* BLOOD RELATIVES, ARIA-SAN.
SO THAT MAKES US RELATED, TOO!
We're like a...
TOWAKO-SAN ALSO WANTED ME TO TELL YOU...
...SAKURA DOESN'T PLAN ON LEAVING THAT DEMON INSIDE OF YOU ALONE.
HE'LL BE SURE TO TRY SOMETHING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
IN ORDER TO KEEP PEOPLE WHO AREN'T RELATED TO THIS FROM GETTING INVOLVED...
...IT'D BE BEST IF YOU STAYED AT THE TEMPLE FOR A WHILE.
THUD
WHOA!
BLOOD RELATIVES? A DEMON INSIDE OF ME?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?

TURN
I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN YOU BEFORE.
ARIA-SAN!
CLUTCH
GRAB
W-WAIT!
HELP!
ARIA-SAN, SAVE ME!
C'MERE. I'M GONNA TEACH YOU SOME MANNERS
UH OH
I THINK YOU SHOULD WAIT...
YOU RUN INTO ME AND THEN DON'T EVEN APOLOGIZE?

WHAT'S IT MATTER TO ME WHAT HAPPENS TO THESE "BLOOD RELA-TIVES"?
THAT'S RIGHT
I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING!
I'M NEVER W STING MY TIME WITH THEM. GAIN.
SQUEEZE

ARE YOU FEELING SICK?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?
AND NOW THAT EVERY-THING'S OVER. .
SAKURA DISAP-PEARED.
AND I WASN'T ABLE TO STOP IT

YOU OKAY?
HEY! WATCH IT!
SORRY, MISS.
HEY, QUIT GETTING IN THE WAY!
IDIOT! YOU'RE TOO DRUNK TO BE PICKING UP GIRLS.

NO! I HAVE TO FORGET...
AAH...
HUH ?
UH... MISS?
QUICKLY.
HURRY...
AAH...
FORGET ABOUT SAKURA!
FORGET ABOUT EVERY-THING!
WELL
THERE WAS THIS KID.
I THINK HE WAS BEING BULLIED BY THESE TWO THUGS.
SO CAN YOU TELL US WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

HOW ON EARTH DID THIS HAP-PEN?
Uuuu
ARIA-SAAAN!
SOB
SOB
I WAS
SO SCAR ED!
SOB
HIC
HIC
SOB
ARIA?
SMASH!

ARIA ...
WOULD YOU TRY CONCEN TRATING FOR ONCE?
YOU BROKE ANOTHER ONE?
OW!
DRIP
WHERE ON EARTH HAVE YOU BEEN FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS?
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE SINCE YOU GOT BACK.
WHAT HAPPENED ?
FINE! IF YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO TALK ABOUT IT, THEN I WON'T ASK. THAT'S WHAT I PROMISED, RIGHT?
IT'S OVER, SO JUST LET ME SEE YOUR CUT.
WE HAVE TO GET A BANDAGE ON--
JERK

HIDE!!
ARIA?
WOOSH
HOOOWL
HOO
WHAT'S THE MATTER NOW?
I'M FINE!
I'M FINE, ALL RIGHT?

HOOOWL!!
SLAM
ARIA?
WH-WHAT ON EARTH?
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO BE INSIDE OF ME?
GET OUT!
CLINK
CLANK
I DON'T NEED YOU!
I DON'T NEED YOU ANY-MORE!
CLATTER
CLATTER
SHUT UP!

BUT IT MAKES SUCH A GOOD WATCH-DOG.
THAT'S NO WAY TO SPEAK TO IT.
HOOWL
SLAM
GET OUT OF ME THIS INSTANT!
ALL THAT HOWL-ING, JUST BECAUSE I CAME A LITTLE CLOSE.
SKUFF
IT SEEMS HE HATES ME, TOO.
...FOLLOW-ING ME?
WHY DO YOU KEEP...

I'VE COME TO KILL THAT DEMON...
...AND YOU.
I COULD'VE SWORN ARIA-SAN LIVED AROUND HERE.
TWIST
PUNT
OH NO! MAYBE I'M LOST AGAIN!
WORRY
And it's already dark!
SLAM
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?
SHOVE

ARIA-SAN!
SLIDE
FIRST YOU SAY YOU WANT MY HELP, THEN...
...YOU SAY YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME! MAKE UP YOUR MIND!
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

THUMP
WHO THE HELL WOULD WANT HELP FROM THAT MANGEY--
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU DON'T PLAN ON USING THE DEMON...
...LIKE YOU DID LAST TIME?
THAT JUST MAKES IT EASIER FOR ME...
...TO KILL YOU

TAP

IT'S THE SAME
HF
HF
I HEAL QUICKLY
MY STRENGTH HAS TRIPLED
AS THAT MONSTER AND SAKURA
WOW ..
COOL
STOP YOUR FLITTING ABOUT AND COME HERE, LITTLE GIRL.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO. .
...WITH THIS POWER NOW!?
I DON'T CARE WHAT IT IS OR WHY IT'S HERE!
HA HA HA
SQUEEZE
WHY DIDN'T IT COME OUT EARLIER?

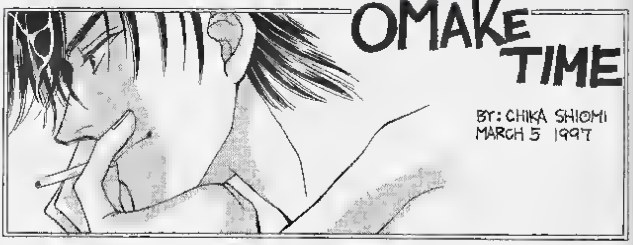
COME DOWN HERE
OR DO YOU WANT ME TO KILL YOUR LITTLE COMPANION?
YIKES!
WAAAA!
I WANT NOTHING MORE TO DO WITH IT!
QUIT TRYING TO PULL ME INTO THIS MESS!
SKULF
ARIA-SAN!
...
IS HE A FRIEND?
YOU BROUGHT HIM ALONG WITH YOU LAST TIME

TURN
ARIA-SAN!
YOU...
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
H-HOW COULD YOU BE SO MEAN?
FOOM
SHIFT
!
WHA...
CHUCKLE
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN ABANDONED, KID.

YOU HELPLESS...
...BRAT.
ARIA-SAN! HELP ME!
HE'S GOT A DEMON, TOO!
AAAHH!
ARIA-SAN!
ARIA-SAN!
ARIA-SAN!!

AAAHH
SAVE M--
LEAP
I REALLY COULDN'T CARE LESS WHAT ANY OF YOU PEOPLE DO.
YOU COULD ALL DIE FOR ALL I CARE, SO...

...AFTER THIS, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!

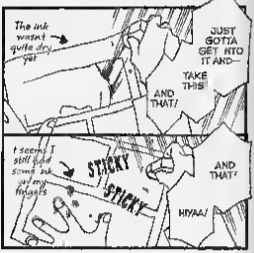


OKAY T LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE BOTH BUSY, SO I'LL JUST DO IT MYSELF
RUSH RUSH RUSH
ONLY TWO HOURS LEFT UNTIL THE DEADLINE!
WHY ARE WE ALWAYS CUTTING IT SO CLOSE ON EVERY DEADLINE?
WHY? WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT IN TIME!

My assistants.

ASSIS TANTS! IF YOU'RE NOT TOO BUSY
ALL RIGHTY I'VE FINISHED INKING THE LAST PAGE!
WOULD YOU MIND ERASING THE PENCIL LINES?
Work Diary ~Eraser Part 2~
Shiomi

IT TURNS OUT SHIOMI IS HORRIBLE AT ERASING.
A- ALL DONE CLEANING IT UP- HEH.
Why did you just give us more work?
What in the world did you do?!



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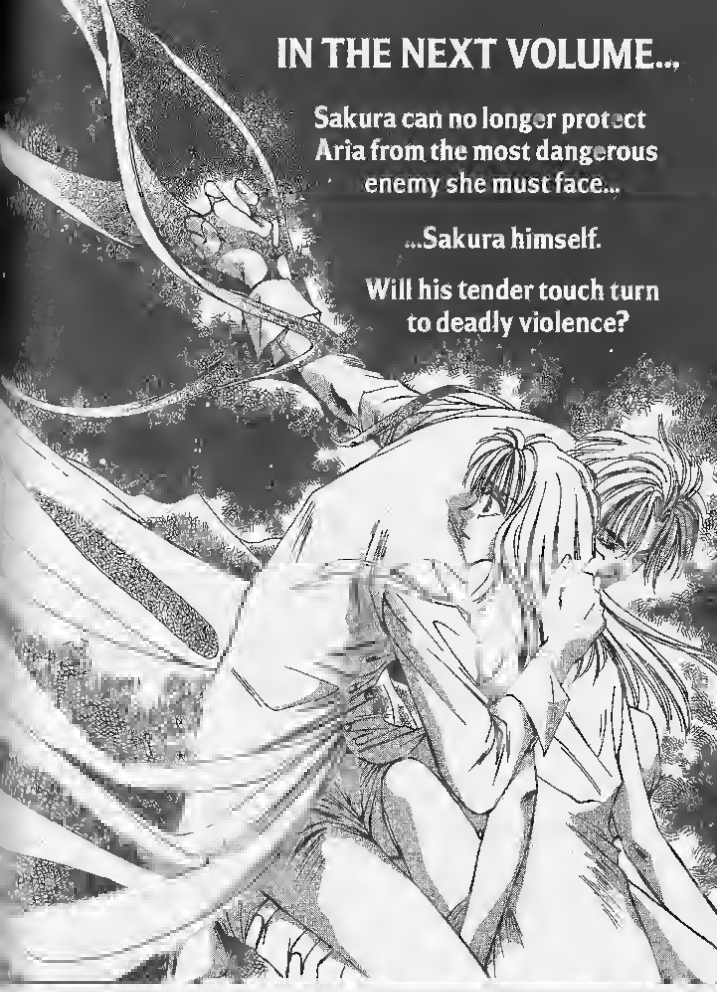
I swear to write back even if it takes a while
PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF VOLUME 2! WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOUR LETTERS!
I'm really really sorry I'm slow!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Sakura can no longer protect Aria from the most dangerous enemy she must face...
...Sakura himself.
Will his tender touch turn to deadly violence?

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